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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/981)*]

53/235. Financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1094 (1997) of 20 January 1997, in which the Council authorized the attachment to the United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala of a group of one hundred and fifty-five military observers and requisite medical personnel for a period of three months,

Recalling also its resolution 51/228 of 3 April 1997 on the financing of the Observer Group,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Observer Group are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

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[1] A/53/775.

[2] A/53/895 and A/53/898.

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observer Group, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to continue to provide the account for the Observer Group with the necessary financial resources to enable it to meet its outstanding liabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 298,613 United States dollars, representing 7 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Observer Group to the period ending 31 May 1997, notes that some 55 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Observer Group in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

6. *Approves*, on an exceptional basis, the special arrangements for the Observer Group with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments which provided contingents and/or logistic support for the Observer Group shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

7. *Decides* that Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Group shall be credited their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 184,200 dollars gross

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[3] A/53/898.

(140,500 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 31 May 1997 and their respective share of the miscellaneous income of 68,983 dollars and interest income of 38,653 dollars;

8. *Decides also* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Group, their share in the unencumbered balance of 184,200 dollars gross (140,500 dollars net) in respect of the period ending 31 May 1997 and their respective share of the miscellaneous income of 68,983 dollars and interest income of 38,653 dollars shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

9. *Decides further* to transfer to the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund any surplus arising from the eventual liquidation of the remaining obligations in the Special Account for the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala;

10. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the disposition of assets of the Observer Group;[1]

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the safety of United Nations assets and that there are accountability procedures in place to deter and penalize those responsible for the losses of the United Nations property and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session;

12. *Notes with concern* that the provisions of its decision 52/485 of 26 June 1998 have not been complied with, and reiterates that all reports on the final disposition of assets should contain detailed information on and justification for items written off and lost;

13. *Requests* the Board of Auditors to conduct an audit of the final disposition of assets of the Observer Group, in particular of assets sold and written off, and include its recommendations in the audit report for the period July 1998 to June 1999.

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Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts payable shall remain recorded in the Special Account for the Military Observer Group of the United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala until payment is effected.

2. (*a*) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3;

(*b*) Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided for under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(*c*) At the end of the additional four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.

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53/236. Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 52/1 B of 26 June 1998,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Logistics Base[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Stressing the importance of establishing an accurate inventory of assets,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;[1]

[1] A/53/776 and A/53/815.

[2] A/53/895 and Add.8.

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the effective and timely completion of the clearing of the backlog in the inventory, and requests the Secretary-General to give priority to the full implementation of a single database for the field assets control system;

3. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

4. *Concurs* with the observations of the Advisory Committee on the cost-benefit analysis;

5. *Urges* the International Civil Service Commission to finalize its work on the review of the rate of post adjustment for the Logistics Base and report thereon before the end of the main part of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of the next budget submission, to indicate clearly, as recommended by the Advisory Committee, the resources required for the Logistics Base to perform its basic functions;

7. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to take additional steps with a view to wider use of the Logistics Base by the specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations system, taking into account the observations of the Advisory Committee contained in paragraphs 12 and 34 of its report;[3]

8 *Approves* the cost estimates for the Logistics Base amounting to 7,456,500 United States dollars for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

9. *Decides* to apply the unencumbered balance of 1,373,600 dollars in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 to the resources required for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, and also decides to prorate the balance of 6,082,900 dollars among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets to meet the financing requirements of the Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to provide for a civilian establishment consisting of ten Professional, ten Field Service and eighty-three locally recruited staff;

11. *Decides* to consider during its fifty-fourth session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi.

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[3] A/53/895/Add.8.

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53/237. Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[1]

Endorses the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and, in this connection:

(*a*) Requests the Secretary-General to conduct the review recommended in paragraph 41 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[1] in consultation with Member States, through established mechanisms;

(*b*) Also requests the Secretary-General to include in his next report on the support account information on the implications of the implementation of the review recommended in paragraph 48 of the report of the Advisory Committee.

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[1] A/53/895.

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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/989)*]

53/238. Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1159 (1998) of 27 March 1998, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1230 (1999) of 26 February 1999,

Recalling its resolution 52/249 of 26 June 1998 on the financing of the Mission,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

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[1] A/53/791 and A/53/939.

[2] A/53/971.

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic as at 30 April 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 15.9 million United States dollars, representing 34 per cent of the total assessed contributions from the inception of the Mission to the period ending 30 November 1998, notes that some 26 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursement of troop contributors, which bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

4. *Urges* all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

5. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; [2]

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

7. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

8. *Approves*, on an exceptional basis, the special arrangements for the Mission with regard to the application of article IV of the financial regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support for the Mission

shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

9. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic the amount of 34,309,800 dollars gross (33,860,700 dollars net) for the operation of the Mission in respect of the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, in addition to the amount of 29,105,850 dollars gross (28,369,350 dollars net) already appropriated under the terms of General Assembly resolution 52/249 and inclusive of the amount of 18,111,200 dollars gross (17,728,700 dollars net) authorized by the Advisory Committee under the terms of section IV of Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

10. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, taking into account the amount of 29,105,850 gross (28,369,350 dollars net) already apportioned under the terms of General Assembly resolution 52/249, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 34,309,800 dollars gross (33,860,700 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1998 and 1999, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

11. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated additional staff assessment income of 449,100 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;

12. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 33,367,875 dollars gross (32,572,675 dollars net) for the operation and liquidation of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of 1,659,640 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the amount of 325,435 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, to be apportioned as an ad hoc arrangement among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution and the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A;

13. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 795,200 dollars approved for the period from 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;

14. *Decides further* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance of 1,893,000 dollars gross (1,791,800 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998;

15. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 1,893,000 dollars gross (1,791,800 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 shall be set off against their outstanding obligations;

16. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

17. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the agenda item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic".

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1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts payable shall remain recorded in the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic until payment is effected.

2. (*a*) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in financial regulation 4.3;

(*b*) Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided for under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(*c*) At the end of the additional four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.